

IN THE DRAWINGS

Corrected, formal drawings accompany this amendment.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 10, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 1 is amended, claims 4-7 are canceled, and claims 8-12 are added; as a result, claims 1-3 and 8-12 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 4-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Claims 4-7 have been cancelled.

Claims 1 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the word “rapid.” Claims 4-7 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112 set forth in the Office Action. The Applicant has amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion.

Claims 2-3 have been allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6976 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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